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1. ADVISE FOR PASSING TO GOSKONTSERT EXACT TITLE GEORGE WEIN.
2. EMBOFF INFORMED GOSKONTSERT OF DEPT. VIEWS RE CALIBER OF GROUP AND HONORARIUM PER REFTTEL (A), PARA 5. CABLED LIST OF MUSICIANS AT THIS POINT MIGHT BE USEFUL.
3. GOSKONTSERT STILL STRUGGLING WITH MINCULT OVER HONORARIUM AND HAS NOTHING TO REPORT AS OF APRIL EIGHT. FYI: GOSKONTSERT ALLEGES IT HAS BEEN REAL PROBLEM THIS FISCAL YEAR (JANUARY-DECEMBER 1975) WITH ACCESS TO FOREIGN CURRENCY. IT APPEARS THAT LAST YEAR GOSKONTSERT OVERSPENT ITS FOREIGN CURRENCY TO TUNE OF APPROXIMATELY 300,000 DOLLARS. AS "PUNISHMENT", MINISTRY IS DOCKING GOSKONTSERT FOR WHAT IT OVERSPENT AND IS BEING STRICT ABOUT THIS. IN APRIL FOUR MEETING WITH EMBOFF, GOSKONTSERT OFFICIALS VENTURED POSSIBILITY THAT DEPARTMENT MIGHT ACCEPT

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HONORARIUM FOR NEW YORK JAZZ REPERTORY ONLY RPT ONLY IN RUBLES.

EMBOFF REPLIED IT UNLIKELY DEPARTMENT WOULD WANT SET THAT PRECEDENT.

4. GOSKONTSERT OFFICIALS (KOKONIN, NETTO) PLACE GREAT IMPORTANCE ON VISIT OF DEPMIN VLADIMIR IVANOVICH POPOV TO USA (REFTEL B). THEY SEEM TO REGARD POPOV AS THEIR MAN IN CURT AS WELL AS OURS. GOSKONTSERT REGARDS VISIT AS POSSIBLE LEVERAGE TO OBTAIN SOME FOREIGN CURRENCY FOR NEW YORK JAZZ REPERTORY HONORARIUM. END FYI.

5. WILL ADVISE ASAP.
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